NOTEWORTHY COLLECTIONS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

CAREX SWANII (Fern.) Mack. (Cyperaceae).—Hernando Island, 49°59′N, 124°55′W, elevation just above sea level, undisturbed coastal prairie on southern point of island, 11 June 1995, G.B. Straley 8510 (UBC, V, MICH), verified by A.A. Reznicek.

Previous knowledge. Widespread in eastern North America from Nova Scotia to Wisconsin, south to Alabama and Arkansas.

Significance. First record for western North America, ca 2600 km disjunct from the nearest populations in Wisconsin. In this rather remote, undisturbed location, it does not appear to be a recent weedy introduction.

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